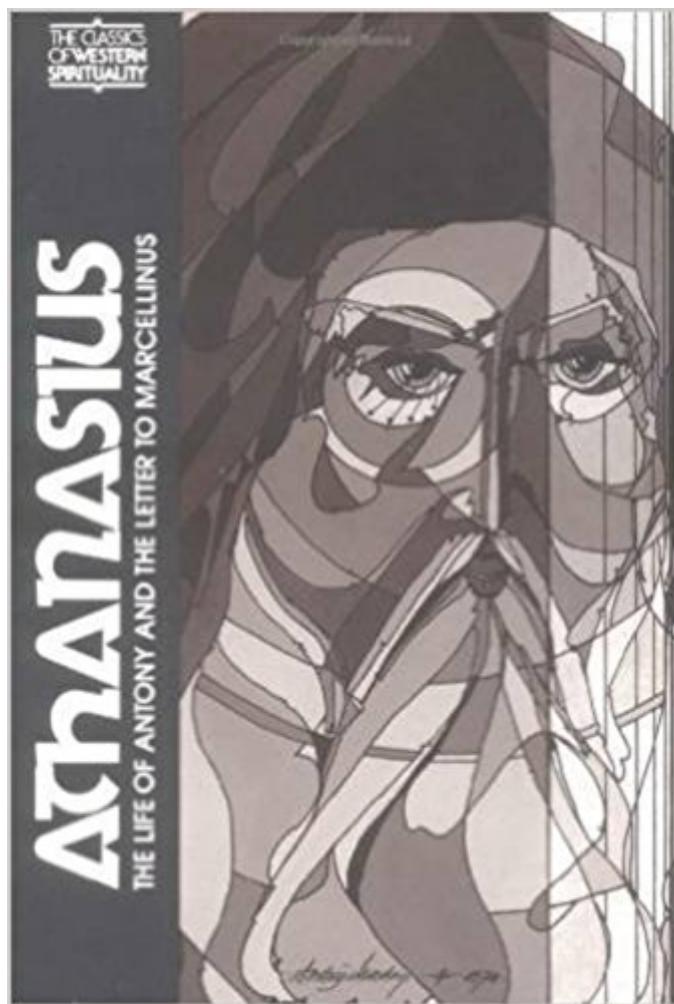


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# Athanasius : The Life Of Antony And The Letter To Marcellinus



## Synopsis

Athanasius: The Life of Antony and The Letter to Marcellinus Translation and introduction by Robert c. Gregg Preface by William A. Clebsch "And it seems to me that these words become like a mirror to the persons singing them, so that he might perceive himself and the emotions of his soul, and thus affected, he might recite them. For in fact he who hears the one reading receives the song that is recited as being about him, and either, when he is convicted by his conscience, being pierced, he will repent, or hearing of the hope that resides in God, and of the succor available to believers-how this kind of grace exists for him-he exults and begins to give thanks to God." Athanasius (c. 295-373) Athanasius was a major figure of 4th-century Christendom. As the Bishop of Alexandria, spiritual master and theologian, he led the Church in its battle against the Arian heresy. Athanasius' The Life of Antony is one of the foremost classics of Christian asceticism. It tells the spiritual story of St. Antony, the founder of Christian monasticism. Written at the request of the desert monks of Egypt to provide "an ideal pattern of the ascetical life," it immediately became astonishingly popular. This work contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life in Western Christianity. From a literary perspective, it created a new Christian genre for the lives of saints. The Letter to Marcellinus is an introduction to the spiritual sense of the Psalms. The Psalms are presented as a variety of attitudes which coexist in a truly harmonious and whole sense of prayer. William A. Clebsch of Stanford University, President of the American Academy of Religion, in his Preface to this volume, says, "This translator's fidelity to the texts ensures that the reader receives in these works Athanasius' meaning, so far as feasible in the order of his thoughts and in the equivalence of his words."

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I read this book when I was a seminarian in 1975. But, must be honest and say that I didn't have the maturity to understand desert spirituality then. Heck, I was only 22 years old. And, I was only beginning to understand myself. But, now, at age 60 and having done a lot more interior work psychologically, and in spiritual direction, I wish God would raise up more Anthony's, and also the desert mothers who sought refuge to be in the Presence of our Lord. These folks, and their witness could have an immensely positive impact on a society which is confused, lost, becoming morally bankrupt, greedy, and, you fill in the blank. Having said that, I'm not saying that our culture is totally destitute of morality. There are examples every day of folks who love and work for justice and righteousness. They don't always make the news, which is sad.

Amazing classic!

I highly recommend. If you are the least bit serious about your hagiography, you MUST read the life of Antony in a worthwhile translation!!! It will blow your mind = blown!!!! The Letter to Marcellinus can be a bit tedious for the average reader, but for the serious scholar of the Psalms, I have never read anything more extensive in comparison.

evil is real and you must defend yourself against evil. Ask St Antony of Egypt to protect you from evil

The Life of St. Antony was very uplifting and encouraging. The Letter to Marcellinus really helped me view the Psalms in a different light. It was a great benefit to read this book. I highly recommend it to anyone searching for deeper understanding of the Christian life.

Well done translation of Athanasius' work. The second most read book in history (next to the Bible) for about a thousand years. Very fascinating story. It does seem exaggerated or far fetched at some points, but still very inspiring and historically very important.

An interesting read regarding spiritual warfare and how to deal with your own weaknesses. I haven't gotten to the Letter to Marcellinus on how to read the psalms yet. Have really enjoyed what I've read through so far!

amazing truth that is unchanged to this day, beautiful how GOD matters more than any distraction on earth can provide.

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